

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 9 and 10 in a final Office Action dated October 17, 2008. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 4-8 and the courtesy of the Examiner in a telephone interview on February 11, 2009. As discussed during the interview, Applicants would like to place the application in condition for allowance based on allowed claims 4-8. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a request for continued examination with this Amendment as the requisite submission. With entry of this amendment, Applicants cancel claim 1 and amend claims 9 and 10 to place them in condition for allowance.

A. Claims 4-8

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of independent claim 4 and its dependent claims 5-8. As noted on page 4 of the Office Action, the prior art fails to teach or suggest an electronic device with an angle member as recited in claim 4. Applicants herewith rely on this statement of allowance to place claims 9 and 10 in condition for allowance as discussed immediately below.

B. Claims 1 and 10

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Zappacosta (U.S. Patent No. 6,700,491). Applicants have canceled claim 1.

With respect to claim 10, Applicants have amended claim 10 to recite the recitations of the angle member of claim 4. Specifically, Applicants have added the following recitations: "wherein said angle member comprises a first plate and a second plate joined with each other at a bent portion, and in a cross section perpendicular to a longitudinal direction thereof, a distance from an outer end portion of said first plate to said bent portion is longer than a distance from an outer end portion of said second plate to said bent portion", "said first plate is provided with said first set of one or more attachment holes for fixing to said side face", "said second plate is provided with said second set of one or more attachment holes for fixing to said side face" and "a distance from the

outer end portion of said first plate to said first set of one or more attachment holes of said first plate is equal to a distance from said bent portion to said second set of one or more attachment holes of the second plate.”

These recitations are identical to claim 4 and the reasons for allowance on page 4 of the Office Action with one exception. The one exception is that claim 4 recites a “first fixing portion” and a “second fixing portion” whereas claim 10 recites “first set of one or more attachment holes” and “second set of one or more attachment holes.”

Accordingly, in view of the amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10 is in condition for allowance.

C. Claim 9

The Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Chen (U.S. Patent No. 6,231,139).

Claim 9 is directed to an angle member and recites the identical recitations of the angle member as set forth in claim 4 and the reasons for allowance on page 4 of the Office Action. It appears that the Examiner rejected claim 9 as it failed to disclose additional recitations directed to the electronic device as recited in claim 4. Applicants have thus amended claim 9 to recite an electronic device having a “side face with a stepped portion to which a mountain-shaped angle member is fixable.” Claim 9 has been further amended to recite “said electronic device including a fixing member for detachably fixing said angle member” and “said fixing member being a member for fixing said angle member in a first attachment mode in which said angle member covers the stepped portion and a second attachment mode in which said angle member overhangs outward said side face.”

In contrast, Fig. 1 of Chen cited by the Examiner fails to disclose the above recitations. Fig. 1 shows a fixing cover 104 attached to a rear panel 102 of a computer. As discussed at Col. 1, lines

24-46, the fixing cover 104 is attached to the rear panel at holes 120 via bolts 122 and covers a slot to the right of vertical fixing plate 108 as shown in Fig. 1. Thus, there is no disclosure or suggestion in Fig. 1 of an electronic device having a "side face with a *stepped portion* to which a mountain-shaped angle member is fixable."

Furthermore, Fig. 1 of Chen fails to disclose or suggest that bolts 122 fix fixing cover 104 in two attachments modes in which the fixing cover 104 covers a stepped portion in one attachment mode and overhangs outward the rear panel in a second attachment mode. The fixing cover 104 in Chen is only attached in one way as Fig. 1 clearly shows. Thus, Fig. 1 fails to disclose or suggest "said fixing member being a member for fixing said angle member in a first attachment mode in which said angle member covers the stepped portion and a second attachment mode in which said angle member overhangs outward said side face."


Accordingly, in view of the amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 9 is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032041000.

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